



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
NURSING HOME WEEK
May 9-15, 2004

WHEREAS, in America, the number of elderly and people with disabilities is dramatically increasing; and

WHEREAS, all North Dakotans are impacted by the contributions of our elderly and people with disabilities, and recognize those currently residing in nursing facilities for planting the seeds that made our communities and state grow and prosper; and

WHEREAS, nursing facilities provide caring and supportive services that make quality of life possible for our loved ones; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Long Term Care Association is working with the American Health Care Association to increase awareness about North Dakota's long-term care facilities and their services with a message of "Embracing Our Heritage"; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to visit friends and loved ones who reside at these facilities and recognize them for their contributions to our state's past and future; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 9-15, 2004, **NURSING HOME WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/
John Hoeven
Governor

Attest:

/s/
Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State